

REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of Claims 35-41, 43, 45-48, 50 and 53 as written. In response to the Examiner's withdrawal of formerly allowable subject matter, namely, Claims 10 and 11, Applicant has elected to, without prejudice, cancel these claims that now stand rejected per the Office Action mailed on January 31, 2006 (now incorporated in part into a continuation-in-part application being filed contemporaneously), and proceed promptly towards allowance (and subsequent issuance) of the application with the previously allowed claims.

Applicant's cancellation of now-rejected Claims 10 and 11, as well as the cancellation of specified claims in response to the second Office Action (which was mailed on July 19, 2005 and designated "final"), should not be taken as an indication that Applicant concedes that the prior art anticipates the rejected claims. As mentioned previously during the prosecution of the application, and notwithstanding the Examiner's withdrawal of the "final" status, Applicant's continuation-in-part application (which will be filed in the near future) contains claims in the same or substantially similar form as those cancelled in this application for further consideration by the Examiner, as well as any new claims to be presented to the Examiner.

With respect to the specification, Applicant has submitted a number of proposed amendments to the specification for purposes of clarity. The proposed specification amendments are provided in numbered paragraph form (i.e., paragraphs 1-12) for easier reference. Applicant notes that the specification amendments submitted herewith are in addition to those submitted in conjunction with the Preliminary Amendment filed on April 6, 2004. Changes to the specification that were submitted with the Preliminary Amendment were considered by Applicant to have been entered and are not highlighted (i.e., neither by underline nor strikethrough). Applicant notes that the text of paragraphs 5, 7 and 9 of the specification amendments are amended by both the Preliminary Amendment and the proposed specification amendments submitted herewith, while the text found in the remaining paragraphs are only amended by the proposed specification

amendments submitted herewith.

In addition to the foregoing, Applicant has also amended the Abstract to correct a minor typographical error.

Applicant herewith also submits formal drawings of FIGs. 1-24 in connection with the application, thereby complying with the Patent Office rules in this regard.

Applicant submits that no new subject matter has been inserted into the application by virtue of the amendments to the specification, abstract and/or drawings, all of which are merely clarifications or explanations of existing structure or text.

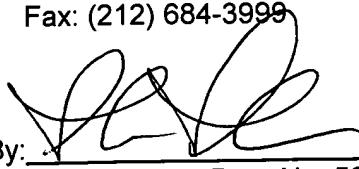
Applicant understands that no additional fee is necessary in connection with any of the foregoing. In the event that additional fees in connection with the application and the documents submitted herewith are deemed to be due, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 07-1730 of Gottlieb, Rackman & Reisman, P.C.

Applicant submits that the application as amended (containing solely allowed claims) presents novel and non-obvious subject matter and is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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